

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 and 13-14 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 7 are independent claims.

In the Final Office Action, the drawings are objected to. Corrected drawings have been previously submitted in the amendment filed October 15, 2009 in response to the previous Office Action. FIG. 2 was amended as requested by the Examiner to show the blade thickness at the bending point as being larger than the non-bending area blade thickness. This limitation, as admitted by the Examiner in the bolded text at page 2, lines 5-6, is recited in claim 3. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,302,876 to Emmett ("Emmett") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,822,862 to Ferraro ("Ferraro") and U.S. Patent No. 972,436 to Clark ("Clark"). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Emmett in view of Clark and further in view of Saturday Night Live Episode ("SNL") or U.S. Patent No. 1,920,711 to Pelizzola ("Pelizzola"). Claims 7, 9, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,489,589 to Nissen ("Nissen") in view of Emmett in view of Ferraro, and further in view Clark. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nissen in view of Emmett in view of Ferraro and further in view of Clark as applied to claim 7 and further in view of U.S. Patent No.

3,224,900 to Creamer ("Creamer"). The rejection of claims 1-9 and 13-14 is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 and 13-14 are allowable over Emmett in view of Ferraro, Clark, SNL, Pelizzola, Nissen, and Creamer for at least the following reasons.

The Final Office Action admits (see, the Final Office Action, page 3, section 4, 3rd paragraph) that Emmett does not disclose "a top side attached to the corresponding fixed bridge partition of the razor head" of claim 1 but relies on Ferraro to teach this limitation. Ferraro, as can be seen from its Figures, illustrates unbent blades that are attached at their top and bottom.

Thus, it is clear from the figures and discussion in Emmett and Ferraro, and it is respectfully submitted that the razor head of claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Emmett in view of Ferraro and Clark. For example, Emmett in view of Ferraro and Clark does not teach, disclose or suggest, a razor head that amongst other patentable elements, comprises "one or more fixed bridge partitions" as recited in claim 1, and a razor blade comprising "a further portion having a top side attached to the corresponding fixed bridge partition of the razor head, and an unattached bottom side" as recited in claim 1 and "a bending portion positioned between the edge and further portions where the edge portion is bent relative to the further portion and spaced from said cutting edge and the fixed bridge partition" as recited in claim 1. Therefore, combining Emmett and Ferraro fails to make recitations of claim 1 obvious to those skilled in the art. Clark is directed to a process of making blades and does not cure the above discussed deficiencies of Emmett and Ferraro.

Independent claim 7 includes similar recitations as claim 1 and accordingly, is similarly allowable and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

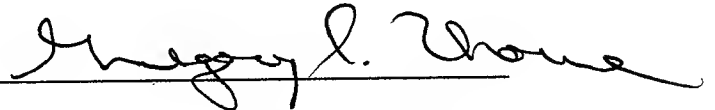
SNL, Pelizzola, and Creamer are cited for allegedly showing different features of the claims and do not cure the noted deficiencies of Emmett in view of Gooding and Clark.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 7 are patentable over Emmett in view of Gooding and Clark and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-6, 8-9 and 13-14 respectively depend from one of claims 1 and 7 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position, or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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